



State of Arizona
Department of Education

SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 21-028

TO: Charter School Administrators, Directors, and Principals

FROM: Charlie Martin, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: January 4, 2021

SUBJECT: 1/4/2021 Basic Calculation for Equalization Assistance Report (CHAR 55-1) and Equalization Assistance Detail Report (CHAR 64-1)

The January 4, 2021 charter apportionment is complete. The CHAR55-1 and the CHAR64-1 equalization assistance reports for charters are posted on each charter school's home page of the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) [School Finance website](#). If assistance is required for finding or viewing these reports, please contact the ADE IT Technology Support team at (602) 542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

All eligible charters were paid based on FY21 ACE results as of December 1, 2020. If the charter has any concerns or questions regarding the student counts, please contact the Account Analyst team by creating a ticket at <http://helpdeskexternal.azed.gov/>

Important Notes:

- ***Distance Learning Adjustment:*** The Distance Learning adjustments to the FY2021 Base Support Level have been calculated and will be included on page 4 of the FY2021 January CHAR 55-1. Please see a complete list [here](#).
- ***CAA Reduction:*** Charter Additional Assistance reduction \$3,407,200, per House Bill 2902 has been recalculated, and was included by the January 4th payment. (CHAR64-1 report)
- ***SSW Adjustment:*** Small School Weight adjustment has been recalculated, and was included by the January 4th payment. (CHAR64-1 report)
- ***K-3 Reading:*** Per A.R.S 15-211, Each school district and charter school shall annually submit to the department of education on or before October 1 an updated K-3 reading program plan that includes data on program expenditures and results, except that beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017, a school district or charter school that is assigned a letter grade of A or B pursuant to section 15-241 shall submit this plan only in odd-numbered years. Submitted plans appeared on the agenda for the State Board of Education meeting held on 12/14/20. Those who were approved have had the funding included in the January 4, 2021 apportionment. For questions on the



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timing of your Board approval, please contact the Move On When Reading department at MoveOnWhenReading@azed.gov

For any questions regarding the January 4, 2021 charter equalization calculation, please email SFPaymentTeam@azed.gov. Please contact the Account Analyst team for any questions about your estimated counts or other required student information, by creating a ticket at <http://helpdeskexternal.azed.gov/>